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CONNECTOR FOR CREATING :
ANASTOMOSES TO SMALL-DIAMETER :
VESSELS AND METHODS OF USE X

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed April 28, 2009,
applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.